



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **'Curby' Now Recycles Plastic Bottles**

NASHVILLE – Metro's curbside recycling program, known as "Curby," will now recycle all plastic bottles along with any kind of paper, tin and aluminum cans.

"When the curbside recycling program began in April 2002, Public Works always said that we would continually look for ways to recycle more materials in a cost effective manner," said Public Works Director Billy Lynch. "The processor of the material, Rivergate Recycling, now has the technological means to collect plastic bottles without costing the city any additional money."

Curby collects recyclables once a month for Urban Services District households. Citizens are provided a 96-gallon recycling cart, and may request a second cart, free of charge, by calling 880-1000.

According to Sherry Sloan, Metro's Recycling Coordinator, adding plastic bottles to the materials processed through Curby provides several benefits for Nashville's recycling and education efforts.

"Rivergate Recycling is not charging the taxpayers a single penny for the processing and, in fact, is going to raise its payment to Metro from \$5 to \$10 a ton for every ton of recyclables brought in by the Curby trucks," said Sloan. "Rivergate Recycling is also building a recycling education center at its new facility in town so school children can tour the facility and learn about recycling."

Lynch and Matt Janson, owner of Rivergate Recycling, announced that plastic bottles will be included in the Curby program Monday at the annual meeting of the Metro Nashville Solid Waste Regional Board.

In 2004, Curby collected 12,052 tons of recyclables. If those tons had been thrown in the trash it would have increased Metro's disposal cost by \$318,000 a year instead of receiving revenue for the material and have it go back into making new products.

"Mayor Purcell wanted Metro government to recycle more, which is why curbside recycling has increased from approximately 7,000 tons a year in the late 1990s to its current level of more than 12,000 tons in 2004," said Lynch.

For more information, call Curby at 880-1000 or visit our website at [www.nashville.gov/recycle](http://www.nashville.gov/recycle).

# Recycling Plastic Bottles With Curby.

## HERE'S HOW.

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1 Recycle all plastic bottles and jars with an opening smaller than the base (or widest part). See the list at right.
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2 Remove and throw away caps, lids and pumps.
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3 Empty contents. You don't need to remove labels or rinse thoroughly.
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4 Crush plastic bottles by carefully stepping on them so they take up less room in the recycling container. Hold onto a counter-top or doorway so you don't slip.
- 5 Place uncapped and flattened empty plastic bottles in your recycling container along with your other recyclables.

## DO include these kinds of empty plastic bottles:



### Kitchen

Soda, Milk, Water  
Juice  
Syrup  
Ketchup  
Cooking oils  
Jars with necks



### Household Cleaners

Liquid dish detergent  
Liquid household cleaners  
(window, bathroom & kitchen cleaner)



### Bathroom

Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Mouthwash  
Lotions



### Laundry

Liquid laundry detergent  
Bleach  
Liquid fabric softener



### Beverage Containers At Home & On the Go

Soft drinks  
Sport drinks and teas  
Water

## DON'T include these kinds of plastic items:

Bags, film, or wraps  
Toys  
Medical supplies  
Large plastic items  
Pesticides and herbicides  
Motor oil containers  
Solvent, paint and adhesive containers  
Tubs such as yogurt and margarine  
Pails, such as ice cream  
Flower pots and garden plastics  
Food storage and microwave containers

THESE PLASTIC ITEMS WILL NOT  
BE COLLECTED.

## Now you can recycle all plastic bottles!

Now you can recycle more types of plastic bottles in your recycling bin. All plastic bottles (containers that have an opening smaller than the base)—and only bottles—will be collected for recycling. Remember, other kinds of plastic items will not be collected.

Plastic bottles collected from your neighborhood will be made into new plastic products such as carpeting and clothing, garden furniture and accessories, new plastic bottles and a variety of other products.

QUESTIONS?

**(615) 880-1000**

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